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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO CHIEF OF STATE

1. PLEASE RELAY THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER TO SAMORA MACHEL.

2. QTE-AS I TAKE UP MY DUTIES AS PRESIDENT, I WANT
TO ASSURE YOU OF THE UNITED STATES' GREAT INTEREST
IN THE FUTURE OF AFRICA AND MY DEDICATION TO DOING
WHAT WE CAN TO ASSIST IN THE EFFORT TO PROMOTE PEACE
AND PROGRESS FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE CONTINENT.

3. QTE-I AM PLEASED THAT IN RECENT MONTHS THE PEOPLE OF
THE UNITED STATES HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST

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THE PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE THROUGH THE PROVISION OF
AMERICAN-DONATED WHEAT AND OTHER ASSISTANCE. IN DOING SO
WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO BE OF HELP IN
YOUR TASK OF BUILDING AN INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE AND
OUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS UPON THE
ILLEGAL REGIME IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA. I HOPE THAT DURING
MY ADMINISTRATION WE WILL BE ABLE TO INCREASE THE

FRIENDLY ASSOCIATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.

4. QTE AS A MATTER OF IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, THE UNITED STATES REMAINS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. WE ARE FULLY COMMITTED TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. MY ADMINISTRATION WILL CARRY ON THE EFFORTS ALREADY BEGUN TO BRING ABOUT PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE REGION. IN THE FUTURE WE WILL USE OUR INFLUENCE AND GOOD OFFICES WHEREVER THEY MAY BE BEST APPLIED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL.

5. QTE THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT ASSUME THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL BE AN EASY ONE. DESPITE THESE DIFFICULTIES, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO GIVE DIPLOMACY EVERY CHANCE TO WORK.

6. QTE I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SEPARATELY TO CONSULT ON FUTURE STEPS WE MIGHT TAKE, AND WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE SOLUTIONS FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA'S DIFFICULT PROBLEMS. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. UNQTE VANCE

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